

HIGHEST PASSION OF THE SOUL

To Be a Worker for the Salvation of Souls Greater Than to Have Wealth or Power.

The greatest passion that can take possession of a man is not the passion for power, nor for wealth, nor for learning, nor for social place, nor for any earthly gift or good. These are all inferior. The greatest is the passion for souls. To be a coworker with Jesus Christ in the salvation of an immortal soul is a thing infinitely greater than to amass wealth, to hold the reins of power, to direct and control vast industries, to have extensive learning, or to walk in the front rank of the social procession. But we do not always put the right valuation upon this wonderful honor which God has put upon us. The things of the material life obscure, and sometimes obliterate the worthier things of the spiritual life. Christian men turn their activities to the various fields of business, and often withhold their attention and energies from the more productive fields that are white unto harvest. This should not be so. If the world is to be saved it must be through the faithful efforts of those who are already saved in behalf of those who are unsaved. The passion for souls must come over us like a flood if we are to do our part for the redemption of men.

It was said of the late George MacGregor that there was probably not a moment of the day when a passion for souls did not present itself consciously and irresistibly to his heart. He was eager for the work of soul-saving, and the result was that many were brought into light, peace, and holiness through his efforts. If this divine passion, which was in the heart of the Saviour of men, could take possession of the church, what rejoicing there would be in heaven over the home-coming of sinners, and what a blessing would be poured out upon the church in recognition of its fidelity to its high and holy calling!—Stephen J. Herben D. D.

Is the Home in Danger?

There are many who regard the American home as being in grave peril. As one goes about the residential sections of any great city he is impressed with the large number of apartment houses either occupied or in course of erection. And this is true not only of the large cities, but of many towns, where the increase in the value of land has made the apartment house the most profitable form of investment for the landlord. In the crowded portions of the great cities the situation has not changed, as far as the housing of many families in one structure is concerned, except that in some places better tenement laws are in operation under the direction of competent officials.

The question is, can the integrity of the American home be preserved in the atmosphere and environment of the crowded tenement and apartment house? Many persons who have given careful attention to various phases of the question say that it cannot; others are more hopeful, and insist that while the changed conditions of living are unfriendly to the preservation of the best traditions and influences of our American home, yet there is no reason why the struggle for the salvation of the home need be abandoned.

That the home is in danger there is no doubt; that it can be rescued from the danger that threatens is doubtful. The best that can be hoped for is the bringing to bear upon the home-life of the crowded tenement, flat, and apartment house such an array of good influences that the best will come to supremacy in spite of every hostile influence and tendency.

And just here is a superb field of usefulness for the church, whose duty it is to create, project, and perpetuate good influences, to correct an evil environment by making one that is pure, to encourage every upward tendency, to give dignity and nobility to the home atmosphere, and to safeguard the interests of all the members of the home circle, by casting about them the strong, uplifting, and sheltering arms of the church.

Charles Wagner of Paris, who is now in this country, and who has achieved a world-wide fame as the champion and exponent of the simple life, utters this needed word of exhortation: We, who from transforming our cities, our houses, our customs and creeds, have no longer where to lay our heads, let us not add to the paths and emptiness of our changeable existence by abandoning the life of the home. Let us light again the flame put on our hearths; make sanctuaries for ourselves, warm nests

where the children may grow into men, where love may find privacy, old age repose, prayer an altar, and the fatherland a cult. Whatever undermines the home enfeebles the foundations of our greatness, limits our usefulness, and endangers our national existence.—Epworth Herald.

How to Hold Your Friends.

Those who would make good friends must cultivate the qualities which are admired and which attract. If you are mean, stingy, and selfish, nobody will admire you. You must cultivate generosity and large-heartedness; you must be magnanimous and tolerant; you must have positive qualities; for a negative, shrinking, apologizing, roundabout man is despised. You must cultivate courage and boldness; for a coward has few friends. You must believe in yourself. If you do not, others will not believe in you. You must look upward and be hopeful, chery and optimistic. No one will be attracted to a gloomy pessimist.

The moment a man feels that you do not ask about his business, profession, book, or article merely out of courtesy, you will get his attention and will interest him. You will tie him to you just in proportion to the intensity and unselfishness of your interest in him. But if you are selfish, and think of nothing but your advancement; if you are wondering how you can use everybody to help you along; if you look upon every man or woman you are introduced to as so much more possible success-capital; if you measure people by the amount of business they can send you, or the number of new clients, patients, or readers of your book they can secure for you, they will look upon you in the same way.

If you have friends, don't be afraid to tell them that you admire or love them. If you love anybody, why not say so? If you enjoy anyone's company, why not say so?

A lady was asked how she managed to get along so well with disagreeable people. "It is very simple," she replied; "all I do is to try to make the most of their good qualities and pay no attention to their disagreeable ones." No better formula by which to win and hold friends could be found.—Success.

CAUSED FLURRY IN MONEY.

Report of Stock Market for Week Just Passed.

New York, Nov. 26.—The week in the stock market was replete with interesting events, not the least of these being the call upon the government banks by the secretary of the treasury, causing a flurry in money and lower prices in the general list. Recoveries came at the week's end. In some instances, notably the United States steel stocks and bonds, new high records were recorded. Trading was moderately large, though commission houses reported little increase of public demand. The opinion prevails that considerable liquidation has taken place in the past fortnight, and that the short interest has increased. The week brought numerous offerings of new bond issues.

Conditions in the steel and iron trade show steady improvement and is attested by higher prices for products. Reports agree that mercantile interests in almost every section are satisfactory and that the demands from this source will be met without a material advance in the rates for time money. Railroad returns generally are better.

BIG STORY BUT FALSE.

Union Seminary is Orthodox and Received no Gift.

New York, Nov. 26.—Considerable stir has been caused in church circles by reports from Pittsburg to the effect that announcement had been made there at a society function attended by 100 ministers that Union theological seminary had discarded the Westminster confession of faith and that the faculty of the seminary had accepted one of their own by a unanimous vote. It was also reported that in connection with this, gifts to the seminary aggregating \$250,000 were also announced.

The Rev. Thomas H. Hastings, of the Union theological seminary when told of the report from Pittsburg declared he did not believe the statement. Another member of the faculty said that newly appointed professors adopted the Westminster

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confession of faith in a general way and he could not see how the confession of faith could be discarded when there was really no rigid confession to discard. Report of the \$250,000 gift also lacked confirmation.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$309,830 91
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,237 57
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	63,300 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	14,004 26
Due from state banks and bankers	106,563 89
Due from approved reserve agents	184,050 04
Checks and other cash items	358 52
Notes of other national banks	690 00
Nickels and cents	304 10
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$120,300 00
Legal-tendernotes	90 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer 5 per cent circulation	625 00
Total	\$822,756 31

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	30,050 20
National bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Due to state banks and bankers	158 34
Individual deposits subject to check	\$511,097 24
Demand certificates of deposits	168,750 53
Certified checks	200 00
Total	\$822,756 31

State of Oregon, county of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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